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SUBJECT: ENERGY: LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

1. MANY REPORTS NOW CURRENT IN LAGOS THAT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC) DISCUSSED LNG AT REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING JANUARY 23. CANDIDATES FOR LNG ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO SHORT LIST CONSISTING OF SHELL-BP, PHILLIPS, TENNECO, AND GULF. (ONE SOURCE NAMES PRITCHARD, AND NOT GULF.) PHILLIPS MANAGER HAS HEARD SAME REPORTS BUT CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED NO WORD FROM FMG.

2. FEC ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE DESIGNATED UK FIRM, INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT GROUP (SKIMEG), AS CONSULTANT FOR LNG PROJECT. COMMISSIONER OF MINES AND POWER MONGUNO IN FACT CONFIRMED TO A VISITING US BUSINESSMAN JANUARY 28 THAT IMEG HAS BEEN SO DESIGNATED, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION WHAT IMEG HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO DO. IMEG ALLEGEDLY IS EXPERIENCED IN PIPELINES BUT NOT KNOWN TO HAVE LNG CAPABILITY, AND THERE IS LOCAL SPECULATION THAT ITS ROLE MAY INVOLVE GAS COLLECTION SYSTEM, NOT LIQUEFICATION PLANTS OR EXPORT TERMINALS.

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3. COMMENT: SPECULATION ABOUT FMG DECISIONS ALWAYS RISKY BUT

DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT GENERAL GOWON PROMISED DECISION ON
LNG PROJECTS BY APRIL 1974. ABOVE REPORTS SUGGEST GOVERNMENT
MAY BE APPROACHING MOMENT OF DECISION ON AT LEAST INITIAL STAGES
OF PACKAGE SO GOWON'S PROMISE CAN BE TERMED MET.
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